

LINCOLNSHIRE BADMINTON ASSOCIATION



**Minutes of AGM held on Wednesday 17 June 2015
at The Victoria Pub, Union Road, Lincoln at 7.30pm**

Present Andrea Hyslop, Richard Traviss, Mike Willans, Chris Smith, Paul Woodcock, Amanda Clancy, Sally Hassall, Dave Burgess, Cherry Dowson, John Mayfield, Jayne Diggle, John Fletcher, Mandy Garnham, Paul Mayfield, Nasser Hassan, Sandra Burgess, Jason Wood.

1. **Chairman's welcome and opening remarks** Andrea welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the members of the Council for all the work they have put in during the year. Andrea mentioned that the last years LBA presentation evening was a success and she was looking forward to the one being held on Friday 19 June 2015. She thanked Sam for her hard work with this and stated that numbers were up from last year.
2. **Apologies** Dave Mellor, John Kemp, Pete Crawshaw, Rod Tyler, Sam Allen.
3. **Minutes** of the AGM 2014 were agreed as a true record by the committee.
4. **Matters Arising** – None to discuss
5. **Treasurer's Report** - CS handed out a spreadsheet showing income & expenditure for the last financial year. The balance at Year End (31 May 2015) was £5827.43. If the balance of the Melton Mowbray accounts were included it would be £10,611.66. The Melton Mowbray accounts will be transferred to the Nat West shortly. The money will be held in a separate trust to ensure funds are used correctly. CS suggested that the junior fees were kept the same for this next year.
Parents enjoyed the flexibility of monthly payments and it was agreed this would remain a payment option.
Andrea thanked Chris for all the work he had done with the accounts.
6. **League Secretary's Report**
Cherry stated the following -
The number of clubs in the county that are affiliated to BE continues to dwindle with now just eight senior clubs in only three locations, six in Lincoln, one in Grantham and one in Spalding. There are six junior clubs located in Grantham, Lincoln and Brigg. We believe there could be around 20 active clubs that are not affiliated.
The combination doubles league was relaunched this season after a break of approx. 7 years. Five teams from four Lincoln Clubs competed and although Crossed Rackets were top of the league from the start in October, Westside just beat them by one point on the last match of the season. All involved enjoyed the format and the same teams will be entering again next season.
A new trophy has been purchased and will be handed out at the Presentation evening.

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7. Match Secretary's Report From Mike Willians –

The season went fairly smoothly, with the 1st winning their division and the 2nd team coming 3rd. A couple of fixtures had to be rearranged as some teams seemed to struggle with availability. We will again be entering two teams into the Inter County Championships, although this year both teams will be in the same division due to the changes in format. Less divisions more teams in each division. We are in Division 4 east. Another change to the format is that we will playing our matches at a centrally located venue over three weekends; Catmose Leisure Centre in Oakham will be our venue. Fixtures have already been set with our first matches on the 7th November. They will now be played on a Saturday except on the last weekend where two matches will be played on the Saturday and one on the Sunday. So only three weekends and we already know which ones they are. Hopefully this will ensure we have consistent team selection. I will update the council if anything changes.

8. County Captain's Report a. Seniors from Milke Willians

The 2014 restricted championships changed its format for this tournament. Going to 3 games to 21 with setting, from the feedback that I received over the weekend and since we will be continuing with the same format in 2015. Results were

Men's Singles	Winner	Ben Garnham
	R/Up	Tom Woodcock
Ladies Singles	Winner	Chloe Sidwell
	R/Up	Steph Tillman
Men's Doubles	Winners	Ben Garnham & Tom Woodcock
	R/Up	Ian Shaw & Nigel Heather
Ladies Doubles	Winners	Chloe Sidwell & Gill Anderson
	R/Up	Kerry Durham & Susie Dilloway
Mixed Doubles	Winners	Ian Shaw & Andrea Hyslop
	R/Up	Tom Woodcock & Chloe Sidwell

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The tournament ran very smoothly apart from one issue which I hope didn't detract from what was a very good weekend of badminton. Since then we have had to take a look at how we deal with such incidents happening in the future, with a specific code of conduct introduced and currently looking at disciplinary procedures. Thanks Dave Burgess for your help with this. Thank you again to Mandy Garnham for manning the computer and helping make the tournament run so smoothly. This year's tournament will again be run on the last weekend in September, Friday 25th, Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th. Unfortunately we won't be at the Uni this year as students start back 2 week earlier than usual, with the sports hall already in full use for students. With this in mind I made enquiries at Priory LSST but unfortunately again they don't open over weekends so it looks like we will be at Priory Witham Academy for this years restricted. Friday from 6pm to 10pm, Saturday 9am to 5pm and Sunday the same. I am going to make enquiries with BE to see if we can have an earlier date for the restricted in future years so we are able to utilise the hall at the university before the students arrive.

Senior Teams

1st team finished top of division 6 east. Thanks and well done to Sam for guiding them to the top spot. I am pretty sure all went smoothly apart from a small issue when we had a double header weekend down at Kent.

2nd team finished 3rd in division 6 Central. Thank you Nass for captaining them this year. This team was mainly based around under 21's with a few seniors filling in when needed. We think in the main it worked but will be making a few tweaks this next season to involve more experience.

I would like to thank Paul Mayfield for again making a massive contribution to senior/U21 training. He gives up a lot of his time to help and improve our senior players, the under 21's took this up, but unfortunately our senior players still seem to have a problem with wanting to train. We may have to look a more drastic action to maybe encourage them.

Senior kit is almost sorted, I had a meeting with the Babolat rep and our kit supplier to finalise what we will require. I am just waiting for prices and item size availability.

The website is now fully up and running with photos, announcements and editorial being added. I just need to know if we can put photos on of the recent junior tournaments.

Lastly my nomination for player of the year is again 2 players. The 1st being Sam Allen, in recognition for her continued support and captaincy over many, many years and for guiding the 1st team this year to a massive title win. The second is Steph Tillman for having the perfect season in not losing a single match in what is hopefully her first of many seasons representing Lincolnshire Badminton.

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b. Juniors **From Mandy Garnham**

The juniors were performing well and there have been improvements in all squads.

The U13's played in the Cerys Davis mixed tournament at York and missed out on coming first by only 1 point, they did win a consolation plate.

All the Champs went well, similar entry to last year but did run out of time at the University.

Below are the winners from the champs –

Discipline	Age	Winner	R/Up
Boys Singles	U11	Thomas Armstrong	Will Coverley
Girls Singles	U11	Alicia Ip	Teigan Borland
Boys Doubles	U11	Will Coverley/Ethan Curtis	Thomas Armstrong/Harvey Dobson
Girls Doubles	U11	Alicia Ip/Shakira Lee	Teigan Borland/Hannah Parker
Boys Singles	U13	Ben Swannack	Lloyd Kettles
Girls Singles	U13	Megan Diggle	Alice Fletcher
Boys Doubles	U13	Lloyd Kettles/Ben Swannack	Ryan Chan/George Wood
Girls Doubles	U13	Megan Diggle/Alice Fletcher	Hermani Canner/Ashley Pan
Mixed Doubles	U13	Ben Swannack/Alice Fletcher	Ryan Chan/Hermani Canner
Boys Singles	U15	Jack Tierney	Vaibhav Mahajan (Web)
Girls Singles	U15	Megan Hassall	Kate Garnham
Boys Doubles	U15	Ryan Curtis/Jack Tierney	Vaibhav Mahajan/Josh Burgess
Girls Doubles	U15	Kate Garnham/Megan Hassall	Megan Diggle/Alice Fletcher
Mixed Doubles	U15	Vaibhav Mahajan/Kate Garnham	Ryan Curtis/Megan Hassall
Boys Singles	U17	Jack Tierney	Cameron Wylde
Girls Singles	U17	Kate Garnham	Megan Hassall
Boys Doubles	U17	Ryan Curtis/Jack Tierney	Sean Dever/Albert Wood
Girls Doubles	U17	Kate Garnham/Megan Hassall	Molly Price/Meg Anderson
Mixed Doubles	U17	Oliver Means/Megan Hassall	Jack Railton/Meg Anderson

Mandy thanked everyone who helped on the days. The only disappointment was that the official umpires didn't turn up.

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It was suggested to help with the time element that the girls played 3 games to 15 instead of 3 games to 21. Another suggestion was looking at moving the U17 tournament until after the exam season.

Andrea thanked Mandy for all her help with the organisation and also thanks to Mike W, Paul M and all the coaches.

c. Vets

From Richard Traviss

The O40s came 4th out of 7 and the O50's came 3 out of 4. They had a good weekend at ICC and came 4 out of 7. Both the O40's and O50's will play in the ICC in January 2016. Richard is currently organising the fixtures for this year.

Andrea thanked Richard and also congratulated him as he has been selected to play doubles for England in Sweden.

9. Development Officers Report

No report was given

10. BE Rep Report

No report was given.

11. Amendment to Constitution

All committee members had been emailed with the changes with regards to the LBA documents and constitution. The documents were also available at the meeting. The amendments were made to ensure the club followed correct procedures.

The documents were proposed by Mike Willans

The seconder was Paul Woodcock.

12. LBA Code of Conduct

The new LBA code of conduct will be put on our website and will also be on every tournament form issued by LBA. When matches are being played the Code of Conduct will be on the wall in the sports hall. The Code of Conduct was -

Proposed by Mandy Garnham,

Secunder Chris Smith.

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13. Election of Council and other Officers

Council members were elected – please see below

POSITION	POSITION APPLICANT	NOMINEE	SECONDER
COUNCIL			
CHAIRMAN	Andrea Hyslop	Mandy Garnham	Paul Woodcock
SECRETARY	Sandra Burgess	Andrea Hyslop	Richard Traviss
TREASURER	Chris Smith	Mike Willans	Mandy Garnham
BE REPRESENTATIVE	David Mellor & John Kemp	Richard Traviss	Nasser Hassan
BE COUNTY COACH SECRETARY	Paul Mayfield	Andrea Hyslop	Mandy Garnham
AFFILIATION & LEAGUE SECRETARY	Cherry Dowson	Andrea Hyslop	Chris Smith
PUBLICITY OFFICER	Paul Woodcock	Mandy Garnham	Cherry Dowson
JUNIOR MATCH SECRETARY/SHIRES FIXTURES	Jason Wood	Paul Woodcock	Dave Burgess
JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP AFFILIATION	Helen Earley	Mandy Garnham	Sally Hassall
COUNTY CAPTAIN/SENIOR MATCH SECRETARY	Mike Willans	Richard Traviss	Paul Mayfield
JUNIOR CAPTAIN	Mandy Garnham	Chris Smith	Andrea Hyslop
MASTERS CAPTAIN	Richard Traviss	Andrea Hyslop	Paul Woodcock
OTHER OFFICERS			
HEAD COACH	Paul Mayfield	Dave Burgess	Cherry Dowson
U11/U13 TEAM MANAGER	Matt Attmore	Paul Mayfield	Mandy Garnham
U15 TEAM MANAGER	Sally Hassall	Paul Mayfield	Mandy Garnham

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U17 TEAM MANAGER	Paul Woodcock	Mike Willans	Paul Mayfield
FUNDRAISING OFFICER	Dave Burgess	Paul Woodcock	Mandy Garnham
CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER	Wendy Parry	Mandy Garnham	Paul Mayfield
KIT COORDINATOR	Amanda Clancy	Mandy Garnham	John Mayfield

14. Scheduling fixtures for Seniors and Juniors

This is no longer an issue as the Seniors are given the dates of their tournaments in advance. No discussion.

15. Any Other Business

The committee would like to see an up to date fund raising report from Sue Mumby as she has been applying for a grant. Going forward funding will be an agenda item at every council meeting.

It was suggested that the reason we have struggled to obtain funding from local business is because they don't think they would receive enough publicity. It was agreed that LBA needs more local coverage. It was agreed at the next committee meeting a smaller subcommittee will be set up to look at how we can obtain more publicity which we hope will lead to monetary support for the club. The subcommittee will also need to write a Business Plan which has a vision of what LBA wants to achieve.

Dave B will contact Mike Reid who now works at BE and also Rachel Belcher at Lincolnshire Sports Partnership.

Paul W will ring Lincolnshire Echo to try and raise profile of badminton in Lincoln.

It was noted that Grantham Echo will put in news items providing they are sent every week.

It was suggested that the LBA coaches should have a first aid certificate and all should carry a first aid kit. Paul M will find out who has and who hasn't got a first aid certificate and ask who would like to complete the course. LBA will fund the cost of the first aid course for all who want to do it and we would like at least one first aider available in every session.

Paul M spoke about a player at Cross O Cliff who is willing to help however she would require funding for her Level 2 Coaching course. The committee agreed that LBA will fund 50% of whatever she would pay and then they give hours in return. Paul stated she may also require some travel expenses. Paul M was going to speak with her first before this was taken

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further however Paul is keen to have a female on board as they may help with bringing more girls to the club.

Paul M is keen to get more players and wants to go to club nights. The committee agreed to fund Paul's expenses.

Paul M is offering a senior summer camp and will be looking at holding senior trials at the same time as his camp.

The restricted tournament will change its format slightly this year to stop all 3 finals being played consecutively. The singles final will be played on Saturday instead of the Sunday.

Andrea thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

The AGM closed at 9.25 pm.